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H PASS: HONORABLE RUSSELL B. LONG, UNITED STATES SENATE,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN, HK  
SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF MEDICAL DIPLOMA

REF: SENATOR LONG'S LETTER DATED MAY 3, 1978, ORIGINALLY  
ADDRESSED TO DEPT OF STATE, ON BEHALF OF MR. J. CLIFFORD  
OURSO.

DEPT PASS EA/PRCM

1. YOUR LETTER REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING  
A MEDICAL DIPLOMA ISSUED TO DR. LI CHANG WONG, AKA DR. PANDA  
LEE IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE U.S.  
THE DEPT OF STATE FORWARDED COPY OF CERTIFICATE TO CONSULATE.
2. CERTIFICATE IN QUESTION WAS ISSUED BY THE HONG KONG ORIENTAL  
ACUPUNCTURIST TO LI ON 14 JULY 1974 ON COMPLETION OF COURSE  
IN SENIOR ACUPUNCTURE. REFERENCE TO CURRENT BUSINESS TELEPHONE  
DIRECTORY DOES NOT LIST SCHOOL AND THE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CONFIRMED IT HAS NO LISTING FOR SCHOOL.
3. WE TELEPHONED HKG MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND  
WERE INFORMED INASMUCH AS ACUPUNCTURE IS TRADITIONAL CHINESE  
MEDICAL  
PRACTICE, IT IS NOT UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL AS ITS PRACTITIONERS ARE  
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NOT CONSIDERED  
MEDICAL DOCTORS. THUS, ANYBODY CAN ESTABLISH AN  
ACPUNCTURE SCHOOL AFTER REGISTERING WITH THE HKG  
AS A COMMERCIAL VENTURE. THE CURRICULUM FOLLOWED  
IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND STUDENTS ARE

NOT REQUIRED TO PASS A GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED TEST  
FOR GRADUATION.

4. ON JUNE 1, ONE DR. WONG KANG YIU, CAME TO CONGEN WITH  
AFFIDAVIT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM LAW FIRM OF BENTON,  
BENTON & BENTON, 601 FERDINAND STREET, BATON ROUGE,  
LOUISIANA 70802, TELEPHONE (504) 343-6611, TO BE  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE CONSULAR OFFICER.  
SUBSTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT WAS THAT WONG WAS ACQUAINTED  
WITH LI, THAT LATTER WAS PHYSICIAN OF CHINESE MEDICINE,  
THAT HE TRAINED IN CHINESE MEDICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH  
COLLEGE FOR 4 YEARS IN WESTERN MEDICINE AND ACUPUNCTURE,  
INTERNEED FOR 4 YEARS AT CHINESE MEDICAL SCIENCE AND  
RESEARCH HOSPITAL, BOTH IN PEKING, THAT SUCH TRAINING  
GAVE LI IN EXCESS OF 36 MONTHS OF TRAINING IN  
ACUPUNCTURE AND THAT "... SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL WERE  
AT THE TIME AS FINE AS ANY MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL  
IN CHINA AND INSOFAR AS ACUPUNCTURE AS FINE AS ANY  
IN THE WORLD." AFFIDAVIT WENT ON TO SAY WONG KNEW  
LI HAD EMIGRATED TO HONG KONG AND "... KNEW HE COMPLETED  
SIX MONTHS OF POST GRADUATE WORK IN THE HONG KONG  
ORIENTAL ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE AND RECEIVED HIS OWN  
LICENSE TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE IN HONG KONG," AND  
THAT HE ENJOYED "... A GOOD REPUTATION NOT ONLY AS  
A GOOD ACUPUNCTURIST, BUT AS A PERSON."

5. IN DISCUSSING AFFIDAVIT WITH WONG, HE SAID THAT HE  
AND LI ATTENDED THE ACUPUNCTURE LEARNING CLASS  
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DIRECT UNIT OF STATE COUNCIL, PEKING HOSPITAL, THIRD  
BRANCH, FOR A FEW MONTHS, AFTER WHICH LI ATTENDED  
THE CHINA MEDICAL AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, PEKING, FROM  
1964 TO 1968. WONG DID NOT ATTEND SAME SCHOOL, BUT  
CLAIMS HE SAW LI FROM TIME TO TIME AND, THEREFORE,  
WAS AWARE OF HIS STUDIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER,  
THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEST ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL  
KNOWLEDGE AS TO LI'S ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG SINCE HE,  
WONG, DID NOT ENTER HONG KONG UNTIL 1977 WHEREAS  
LI CAME IN 1974 AND WENT TO U.S. LATER THAT YEAR.  
GIVEN THE SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES IN THE AFFIDAVIT,  
CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMED WONG THAT HE WOULD EXECUTE  
THE AFFIDAVIT EMPLOYING WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY.  
UPON BEING SO INFORMED, WONG DECLINED TO PROCEED  
AND SAID HE WOULD "THINK ABOUT IT."

6. CONSULATE WILL INFORM YOU PROMPTLY IF WE ARE ABLE  
TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.  
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